

VETS to Hold Listening Session - June 7, 2017

Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017

To encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual awards to private sector employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes, the U.S. Congress has recently enacted the "HIRE Vets Act of 2017."

VETS invites the general public, including employers and other supporters of the veteran community, to participate in a public listening session regarding the new <u>HIRE Vets Medallion Program</u>. The awards program – which will be established through rulemaking – will recognize employers who recruit, employ, and retain veterans, as well as provide community and charitable services supporting the veteran community. Award recipients will be entitled to display a designated "HIRE Vets Medallion Certificate."

The purpose of this session is to obtain the participants' individual views concerning the variables that should be considered when implementing the HIRE Vets Act of 2017. The session is not intended to communicate or achieve any consensus position of the group. To assist us as we prepare to develop proposed regulations to operationalize the program, we would like to obtain your views on what would drive your participation in the program. We also want you to share your thoughts on other aspects of the program, including its cost and benefits.

The session will be held at the <u>Department of Labor</u> in Washington D.C. on June 7, 2017. Seating and callin lines are limited. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the event POC, LaToya Ransom, 202.693.4742, who will provide details of the meeting. Guests may request reasonable accommodations during RSVP.